GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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BREACH OF LEASE CONDITIONS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual inspection of all the lands/properties is carried out by the Land and Development Office to identify the breaches of lease conditions;

(b) if so, whether the L&DO has flouted the inspections resulting into non-recovery of about 100 crores of rupees;

(c) if so, the action taken against the delinquent and negligent officials in this regard;

(d) whether the Ministry had initiated the process of recovery in early 1999;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the progress made in the recovery of damages, breaches etc. and the amount still remains to be collected/recovered; and

(g) the steps to tone up the working of the L&DO?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Annual inspections of properties are not undertaken on regular basis. However, inspections of properties are carried out by Technical wing of L&DO as and when specific cases are referred to them. The system is being modernised and revamped.

(b)&(c): It has been pointed out in C&AG`s reported(Reported No.2 of 2000) that the amounts referred to in the Question, are recoverable by the L&DO from various lessees. These relate to past cases and are under examination.

(d)to(f): Recovery of damages on account of breaches etc. is a continuous process. As per the information available approximately Rs.7.81 crores has since been recovered from the defaulting parties. Action in all the remaining cases is being pursued vigorously. The dues involve various categories of cases and in several cases the matter is pending in the courts. Each case is being examined in depth so that it can be taken to its logical conclusion.

(g): L&DO is being fully modernised and action is also onfor computerisation of its different operations/functions. Once the process of computerisation is completed, an efficient mechanism would be readily available to the L&DO for effective recoveryof Government dues from the concerned lessees and its periodic monitoring.